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LB 598, 667

having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 2059.) 43 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 5 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is passed. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return LB 667 to Select File for purposes of striking the enacting clause. (FA257, Legislative Journal page 2059.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you are recognized to open on your motion to return LB 667 to Select File.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock need not be prepared for any interrogation because that's not the purpose of this motion. I offered the one to the last bill after the bill had started being read and it was too late. And I didn't want to raise that issue at this point because that's not my point, but that would have been the perfect bill for me to do what it is that I'm talking about in connection with these motions. Anybody can try to strike the enacting clause on any bill for any reason or no reason. But I have a reason this morning. I am looking at what was done yesterday and I'm tying it into things that we're doing now. Some of my colleagues are so naive and politically immature, I am talking about the Democrats here now, so the "Repelicans" can just kind of go to sleep. They made two tactical blunders. One was calling the question on an amendment too soon, then agreeing to let a bill go when they should have not have. They don't understand the philosophy of hostage taking. They don't understand why I will discuss a bill at length. It is just not that bill. There's a strategy you must have. You cannot just talk for the purpose of talking. Senators Suttle and Thompson demonstrated on the last bill you all just voted on and which I supported that if you take a position for a reason and hold it, you have a chance to win. I have something that will make a point and I'm surprised that Senator Bourne, of all people,